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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

**“SOFT SWITCH USING DISTRIBUTED FIREWALLS FOR LOAD
SHARING VOICE-OVER-IP TRAFFIC IN AN IP NETWORK”**

the specification of which is attached hereto;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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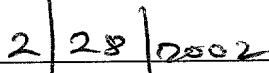
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